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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION COLLECTION REQUEST

Title: 10 CFR Part 51, Environmental Protection Regulations for Domestic Licensing and Related Regulatory Functions (Final)

Current Burden/Responses: 78,765 hours/18 responses

Proposed Burden/Responses: 113,596 hours/28 responses

Burden Attributable to Third-Party Collections: None

Frequency of Response: On occasion

Reasons for Changes in Burden/Responses:

Burden Increases:

The burden increased by 34,831 from 78,765 to 113,596 hours due to the recent escalation in prices of natural gas and electricity as well as the passage of the new energy bill. As a result of this action, 11 new applications for a combined license (COL) which authorizes construction and operation of nuclear power plants are projected over the next 3 years. This is an increase from 0 in the previous clearance package. The total burden for these new applications over the next 3 years is 110,000 hours (10,000 hours per application x 11 COL applications 110,000 hours/3). This results in an annual burden increase of 36,700 hours.

NRC expects to receive 26 requests versus 10 in the previous clearance renewal submission for review of test and research reactor renewals, upgrades, and decommissioning over a period of 3 years (26 respondents ÷ 3 years = 8.67 respondents annually). Therefore, the estimated total annual burden is 4,335 hours (8.67 respondents x 500 hours = 4,335 hours) versus 1,167 hours (3,500 hours ÷ 3 years = 1,167 hours). This results in an increase of 3,168 hours.

Total annual burden Increase: 39,868 hours

Burden Decreases:

The burden for early site permits is expected to decrease by 15,112 from 29,250 to 14,138 hours from the last clearance period due to industry's shift in preference to the COL process. This is due to a decrease from 1 response per year (3 over the clearance period) to .4833 response per year (1.45 over the clearance period). This results in an estimated annual burden of 4,713 hours (14,138 ÷ 3 years = 4,713 hours) versus 9,750 hours (29,250 hours ÷ 3 years = 9,750 hours) in the previous clearance renewal. The annual burden decrease is: 5,037 (15,112 ÷ 3 years = 5,037 hours).

Total annual burden decrease: 5,037 hours

Net Burden Change: 34,831 hours (39,868 hours - 5,037 hours)

Level of Concurrence:

Director
Division of Regulatory Improvement Programs
Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Recordkeeping Requirements in Accordance with the Retention Periods for Records Rule:

There are no recordkeeping requirements.

Search of the Information Requirements Control Automated System (IRCAS):

In cases where renewals or updates to environmental reports are required, reference to the previously submitted documents is acceptable; only revised or new information is required to be submitted to the NRC. Information submitted to other Federal Government and State agencies may be referenced.

There is no duplication of requirements. NRC has in place an ongoing program to examine all information collections with the goal of eliminating all duplication and/or unnecessary information collections.

Abstract:

10 CFR Part 51 specifies information to be provided by applicants and licensees so that the NRC can make determinations necessary to adhere to the policies, regulations, and public laws of the United States, which are to be interpreted and administered in accordance with the policies set forth in the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended.

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